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BOOK NOTES AND REVIEWS

TURKINGTON, GRACE. *MY COUNTRY: A TEXT-BOOK IN CIVICS AND PATRIOTISM*. Illustrated. 12 mo. VI + 374 pages. Ginn and Co. 1918. Price, 96 cents.

The old-fashioned text-book on "civil government" so widely used a decade ago dealt with our political structure in a mechanical way that killed, rather than quickened, the pupil's interest in civic affairs, to say nothing of its leaving practically untouched the social and economic foundations upon which our political structure rests. It approached the subject from the point of view of the adult mind—the lawyer's point of view, as a rule—rather than from that of the pupil or the teacher, and consequently it was cluttered up with legal phrases and technicalities that the immature mind could not understand. Here is where most of the old writers on questions of citizenship and patriotism failed, and we are today the poorer because of their failure.

Happily the new books now appearing in goodly number approach the subject from a saner, simpler view-point—that of the child's—the citizen's—relation to his associates, his community, his state, his Nation. By simple, direct, inspiring talks and illustrations the author and the teacher now undertake to quicken the pupil's interest in the affairs of the community and the country, to awaken in him an enthusiasm for good citizenship, and to lead him into an intelligent understanding and appreciation of his relation to his fellows—whether they live in his immediate neighborhood or two thousand miles away. Thus is he led to see how his own acts, and attitudes, and achievements have a direct bearing upon the common good—upon his community and his country. Text-books that approach the subject in this way not only lighten the difficulties of both teacher and pupil: they contribute immensely to a saner and a more robust patriotism. Such a book is Turkington's *My Country*. In the writer's opinion it takes rank with the very best text-books on this subject yet produced for the upper grammar grades and for junior high school classes.—N. W. W.

ALLEN, CLIFFORD G. *FABULAS Y CUENTOS*. Illustrated. VIII + 180 pages. Price, 88 cents. World Book Company, Yonkers-on-Hudson, N. Y.

This is a very easy reader for beginners in Spanish. It consists largely of a Spanish version of Aesop's Fables taken from an old translation, the *Libro del Ysopo*. The text is particularly valuable as a basis for oral exercises, because the student has only to deal

with the grammatical difficulties as the content is known to him. Three selections from modern authors complete the text. Questions on each exercise, notes on grammatical difficulties and a vocabulary increase the value of this text for beginning classes.

REYNOLDS, A. B. *LATIN READER*. Illustrated. 373 pages. Price, \$1.20. D. C. Heath & Company.

This is a unique book. It is unique in its choice of subject matter, in its stories of nature, history, biography, Roman life—stories easy enough for sight-reading in first year Latin. It makes easy the passage from the beginner's book to the successful reading of second year Latin. It does this by stressing the vocabulary and syntax illustrated in the earlier part of the second year work. The author has provided it with a store of necessary information, opportunity for drill and practical application of new facts and principles being taught.

LIPPITT, LOUISA C., R. N. *PERSONAL HYGIENE AND HOME NURSING: A PRACTICAL TEXT FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN FOR HOME AND SCHOOL USE*. Illustrated. VII + 256 pages. Price, \$1.28. The World Book Company, Yonkers-on-Hudson, N. Y.

The purpose of Miss Lippitt's text-book is to explain the means by which girls and women may attain health and happiness in the present and lay the foundations for sane and vigorous lives in after years. In clearest terms it lays down practical instructions for the conduct of their daily lives. Not only are the rules set out, but the reasons which underlie them are made clear. Directions are given for preventing the spread of infection from cases of communicable disease; and instructions are furnished for the care of one's self and one's family in cases of accident or sickness. The author has given adequate treatment to the ideas that she considers most helpful to lay-readers, but she has taken pains not to go too deeply into the scientific aspects of any subject. She has desired to keep the book rather brief and for this reason has introduced only those topics on which women and girls seem particularly to need instruction.

LUPOLD, HENRY S. *INTRODUCTION TO LATIN*. Illustrated. 122 pages. Price, 52 cents. D. C. Heath & Company.

This is a book for the use of pupils in the grammar schools. It is based upon seven years' successful experience in teaching Latin to seventh-grade pupils. The work is based on English and the relations of Latin to English. Through its aid the pupil learns the

simple uses of an inflected language; he masters some of the essential forms of Latin; and he acquires vocabulary of one hundred and seventy-five Latin words with the use of approximately seven hundred English derivatives. The book includes easy reading lessons, fables, poems, Latin phrases common in English, and definite directions for the guidance of teachers.

GRAHAM, EDWARD K. ESSAYS AND ADDRESSES
ON EDUCATION AND CITIZENSHIP.

The University announces the publication (at an early date) of the writings of Edward K. Graham, late president of the University of North Carolina. The University wishes to ascertain at once the number of people desiring copies in order to determine the size of the edition. The volume will be sold at the nominal price of \$1.50. Those wishing to subscribe for it should write at once to Mr. Albert M. Coates, Secretary, Chapel Hill, N. C., and inform him of the number of copies desired.

NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL NOTES

BASEBALL CONTEST

ANNOUNCEMENT and regulations have been issued by the University committee on high school athletics concerning the fifth annual State championship contest in high school basketball. The championship series east and west will begin immediately after February 22nd, and the schools interested are asked to send the records of their teams through the date February 22nd to Secretary E. R. Rankin, Chapel Hill, N. C. In the past four years the Durham high school has won the State championship twice, and the Winston-Salem high school has won the championship twice.—E. R. R.

STATE-WIDE DEBATE

PREPARATIONS are being made in the high schools of the State for the seventh annual State-wide contest of the High School Debating Union. One hundred and seventy-five high schools have enrolled in the Union for a debate on the query: "Resolved, That the Government of the United States should adopt a policy of requiring one year of military training of all able-bodied men before they reach the age of 21."

For the use of the high school students participating in the debates the Bureau of Extension of the University has issued Extension Series No. 31, "Compulsory Military Training." This 100-page handbook

contains briefs, outlines and carefully selected articles both on the affirmative and negative sides of the query.

The Wilson high school was successful in winning the Aycock Memorial Cup in last year's contest. Since the organization of the High School Debating Union in the school year of 1912-13, the Aycock Memorial Cup has been won by the following schools: 1913, Pleasant Garden; 1914, Winston-Salem; 1915, Wilson; 1916, Graham; 1917, Waynesville; 1918, Wilson.

The triangular debates will be held throughout the State on April 4th. The second preliminary will be held on April 25th, and the final contest for the Aycock Memorial Cup will be held at the University on May 1st and 2nd. Indications are that this year's contest of the High School Debating Union will be a successful and spirited one.—E. R. R.

TWO ABLE LEADERS

TO Hon. F. C. Harding, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education, and Hon. Victor S. Bryant, Chairman of the House Committee, falls the honor of championing in the General Assembly the educational bills that get a favorable report from their respective committees. Lieutenant-Governor Gardner and Speaker Brummitt have chosen two able leaders for these important committees. Both of these gentlemen are deeply interested in education, and both are progressive, sane statesmen who have fought valiantly for all the important school measures in former sessions of the General Assembly in which they have served. They will not be found wanting this time. The school forces of the State may trust with calm and sure confidence in the wisdom, the ability, and the leadership of these two gentlemen to secure the passage of the best educational measures that it is humanly possible to put through at this session of the General Assembly.—N. W. W.

LITTLETON COLLEGE BURNED

ON the morning of January 22, Littleton College, a girls' school owned by Rev. J. M. Rhoads and operated under the auspices of the N. C. Conference of the M. E. Church, South, was burned to the ground. This is an old institution of junior college grade that has done a great work for the education of young women in the northeastern part of the State. No plans for rebuilding have been announced. President Rhoads has our deep sympathy in the heavy loss he has sustained.

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